

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### TRIBUTE TO JOHN HICKS

#### HON. JIM SAXTON

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Mr. SAXTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend, John Hicks, of Leisuretowne, New Jersey. John is a community leader without equal.

Having risen through the ranks of firefighters in Philadelphia starting in 1947, he became Battalion Chief of Battalion 13 in 1978. A true professional, his career in public service as a firefighter is rarely equaled.

On relocating to Southampton Township, New Jersey in 1979, John became involved in the transportation program, driving Leisuretowne residents to shopping centers, doctor appointments, and more.

John was first elected to Southampton Council in 1981, and still serves today. He has been both dedicated and adamant with regard to the Big Hill Landfill project, and is active as liaison between the Leisuretowne military veterans and Southampton Township.

John is very active, in a subdued way, accomplishing a great deal quietly, with dignity.

He is truly deserving of this tribute, and I am certain he will remain committed to serving the community for many years to come.

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF ARDMORE

#### HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Rotary Club of Ardmore in Lower Merion Township, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania on their 75th Anniversary this year.

The Rotary Club of Ardmore was founded October 21, 1925 by J. Elmer Watts and Albert L. Reinhold and is currently the third largest Rotary Club in District 7450 of South-eastern Pennsylvania. The 111 members of the Ardmore Rotary contribute about \$25,000 annually to community organizations and donate thousands of hours of time to public service initiatives.

Community service is an integral part of the Rotary's mission. The club was instrumental in the reopening of the Main Line YMCA in the 1930s. Club members travel weekly to the George Gordon Meade Elementary School to tutor students and help promote literacy. The Rotary conducts an annual Holiday Basketball Tournament fundraiser at Lower Merion High School and an annual pancake breakfast to benefit the Merion Fire Company. During the Holidays, the Ardmore Rotary raises thousands of dollars for local charities.

The Ardmore Rotary extends its charitable aims overseas as well. Frequently, Rotarians

travel to countries like India and Mexico to care for sick children and provide crucial medicinal vaccines to those in need.

The residents of Montgomery County are fortunate to benefit from the services provided by the Rotary Club of Ardmore. It is an honor to recognize such an extraordinary group of individuals on their 75th Anniversary.

### IN OBSERVANCE OF LOVELIFE WEEK, OCTOBER 16 TO 22, 2000, BY THE LOVELIFE FOUNDATION, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

#### HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to observe the third anniversary of the death of teenager LoEshe' Lacy, and to recognize the great accomplishments of the LoveLife Foundation, founded by her father in her memory.

On October 27, 1997, LoEshe' Lacy was an innocent victim to a shooting across the street from her high school. The name LoEshe' is Ibo/Nigerian and means "Love Life." Donald Lacy founded the LoveLife Foundation in her honor to work with at-risk youth, and to help garner a greater appreciation for the value of human life.

In its brief three-year history, the projects and successes of the LoveLife Foundation have been both numerous and varied. One particularly successful program is the LoveLife Arts and Media Training Academy. This program trains youth to produce television, radio, and theatrical performances that specifically address violence and its devastating effects on the community. The public service announcement, "Precious Gift", produced through this program, has received several national television awards, including a National Public Television Award, a Bay Area Cable Ace Award, and a Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame Award. The student written and performed play, "Legacy for LoEshe'" has aired repeatedly on local television.

The Mayor of Oakland has credited the LoveLife Foundation's efforts with contributing significantly to a 32-year low in the city's murder rate in 1999.

The LoveLife Foundation will observe LoveLife Week October 16 through 22, 2000. The Foundation requests that people observe this week by performing random acts of kindness to family, friends, and even perfect strangers.

Mr. Speaker, I am inspired by the dedication and commitment Mr. Lacy and members of the LoveLife Foundation have shown to improving Oakland and preventing more senseless deaths like that of LoEshe' Lacy.

I want to thank the LoveLife Foundation for its efforts to increase appreciation for the value of human life, and I encourage people everywhere to honor this great organization by observing LoveLife Week.

### TRIBUTE TO HELEN HOLLINGSHEAD TAYLOR, HEAD START BUREAU ASSOCIATE COMMISSIONER

#### HON. FORTNEY PETE STARK

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, October 11, 2000*

Mr. STARK. Mr. Speaker, in the closing days of the Clinton Administration, as we reflect on our accomplishments and unfinished work, we can only look with great pride and admiration to the Head Start program and all it has become for America's children. The President and Congressional leaders may try to take credit for the increase in the numbers of children enrolled, the new expansion to serving pregnant women and families with infants and toddlers, and the increase in program quality and accountability. But the real champion of Head Start was Helen Hollingshead Taylor.

Helen looked out for the nation's children, and their world is better for her efforts. Debrah and I feel fortunate to have known and worked with Helen during these past seven years and will miss her fun spirit, her gentle nudge, her wisdom, and her passion to do right by all children.

Born in Fort Valley, Georgia, and raised in Cincinnati, Helen came to Washington to attend Howard University in 1964. Two years later, she received a National Institute of Mental Health fellowship to the Institute for Youth and Community Studies at Harvard. In 1973, she received a Masters degree in early childhood education from Catholic University.

Helen most recently served as Associate Commissioner of the Head Start Bureau in HHS. In this position, she ran a vital program that provides educational services to needy children who otherwise start school a step behind many of their peers. Today, the Head Start program serves 865,000 pre-school children of low-income families with an annual budget exceeding \$5 billion. Due almost entirely to Helen's tireless advocacy, Head Start enrollment expanded by more than 145,000 during her tenure, which began in 1994 and lasted until her death on October 3rd of this year.

Helen's personal courage and unflagging commitment to the cause of helping children was remarkable. During the last several years of her life, she waged a fierce battle with cancer, yet continued to work nearly every day. One of her most prized projects was the Early Head Start Program for infants, toddlers and pregnant women, which under her leadership expanded from 68 programs in 1995 to 525 programs now serving 39,800 children. Without her energy and vitality, the Early Head Start program would be far less developed today.

Helen's commitment to quality in Head Start is as much a part of her legacy as expansion of the program. As Associate Commissioner, she spearheaded an initiative on performance measures; revitalized the program's research

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